

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

According to the foregoing, claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 have been amended. Claim 4 has been cancelled.

No new matter is being presented, and approval of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

OBJECTION TO CLAIM 4

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to claim 4 as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

Claim 4 is cancelled herein. Thus, the objection is considered moot and should be withdrawn.

REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 1-6 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY GAI ET AL. (U.S. PATENT NO. 6,167,445)

The rejections of claims 1-6 are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 1 is amended herein to clarify that a first (upper) administrator enters or edits a setting template that collects contents to be set for the communication entities, with reference to information on a concrete method of setting the communication entities, and a second (standard) administrator enters or edits application rules prescribing rules of which setting template is to be applied to a communication having a specific attribute. Claim 1, as amended, clearly delineates a two-part structure of first creating a setting template and then realizing the application rule.

Accordingly, the present invention affords advantages not available in the system of Gai et al., such as those described in the specification at page 12, in which a standard administrator 22 and an upper administrator 21, having respectively lower (or standard) and upper (or high-grade) levels of knowledge, share management affairs more effectively and efficiently and, further, a policy as to setting an application rules may be managed more efficiently. (In this regard, the upper administrator would use the "setting template entry/edit means..." and the normal administrator would use the "application rule entry/edit means....")

Gai et al. discloses a method and apparatus implementing high-level policies selected by a network administrator and translated by a policy server into a set of rules that can be applied by specific network devices. (Column 5, line 66-column 6, line2). The network administrator selects an overall traffic template and may adjust the parameters for different times of day or for emergency situations. (Column 12, lines 19-24). In order to select the desired template, the network administrator may interact with various windows of a graphical user interface. (Column 12, lines 6-9).

However, Gai et al. does not disclose a setting template entry/edit part in which an *upper administrator*, having high-level knowledge of the concrete setting method of each communication entity, enters or edits a setting template that collects contents to be set for the communication entities, and an application rule entry/edit part in which a *standard administrator*, without high-level knowledge of the concrete setting methods, inputs the application rule, as recited in amended claim 1.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the prior art.

Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 depend from claim 1 and inherit its patentable recitations. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 also patentably distinguish over Gai et al.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. Further, all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

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If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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